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### PART-IIA

#### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

#### NOTIFICATIONS

The 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

#### STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR CHECKING ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION AND MINING OF COAL IN THE STATE

**No.MG.94/2011/Pt. I/132.** - In order to ensure that no further illegal transportation and mining of coal in the state it is imperative that a laid down guidelines to systematically and uniformly take action so that all involved will be able to efficiently implement the instructions of various orders of the Supreme Court and NGT, The Governor of Meghalaya is please do hereby notify a Standard Operating Procedures for checking illegal transportation and mining of Coal in the state efficiently as indicated below:—

**1. Empowering officers under appropriate sections of Law:**

In order that illegal mining and transportation of minerals are arrested, there are appropriate actions that can be initiated and taken under the appropriate section of law under the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957.

- 1.1 Whenever the officers on duty detects cases relating to illegal mining and transportation of minerals, The State Government has been enforcing provision of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to control illegal coal mining and illegal coal transportation of coal. The State Government has notified officers to file complaints before the appropriate court of law to register cases against defaulters as laid down in section 22 of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 *vide* Notification No.MG.94/2011/41, dated Shillong the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The Authorized officers are as under:-

- Director of Mineral Resources.
- Divisional Mining Officer.
- Police Officers of and above the rank of Sub-Inspector.
- Divisional Forest Officer in-charge of Territorial Division.

**(Copy of the Notification is at Annexure-I)**

- 1.2 The State Government has also authorized various Officer's to file complaints before concerned Courts of Law under Section 21 of the MMDR Act against the persons involved in illegal raising and transportation of coal *vide* Notification No.MG.94/2011/683, dated Shillong the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

***(Copy of the Notification is at Annexure-II)***

- 1.3 The State Government has also constituted various Committees headed by various officials of State Government under various Sections of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, to contain/prevent such illegal activities in the State.

***(Copies of the Notifications are at Annexure-III).***

**2. Review and Monitoring Committee:**

The State Government has also constituted a Monitoring Committee under Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to undertake monthly review of actions taken by various 'Authorized Officers' to file complaints before concerned Courts of Law under Section 21 of the MMDR Act against the persons involved in illegal raising and transportation of coal *vide* Notification No.MG.34/2019/Pt/283, dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

***(Copy of the Notification is at Annexure-IV)***

The Joint teams constituted by the District Administration shall submit daily reports which shall be reviewed initially weekly and thereafter once in a month in the prescribed format that will be prepared by the Mining & Geology Department. The Monitoring Committee will review the action taken by various districts at the State level.

**3. Setting up of Special Courts:**

It is seen from experience that cases relating to violations of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 are not disposed of as expeditiously as required and seized coal continue to lie in state without being auctioned. It has been contemplated to take up with the Law Department to notify Special Courts to deal with cases exclusively dealing with MMDR Act, 1957 to speed up disposal and to deter illegal mining.

- 3.1. The State Government has therefore set up by notifications a Special Courts in each district for the purpose of providing speedy trial of offences for contravention of the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A) of Section 4 of the MMDR Act, 1957, with the concurrence of Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya. (Copy of the Notification is at Annexure-V.). Therefore all cases relating to violations of the MMDR Act, 1957 should be filed before the Special Courts as notified in every districts.

**4. Institutionalisation:**

To better implement and enforce the detection and prevention of illegal mining, it is imperative for the District Administration to set up Flying Squads in various sectors under the leadership of Sector Magistrates in the same line as done for Election Duty since the same teams that perform election related duty can also be utilised to monitor illegal transportation and illegal mining of coal. The teams shall include police personnel as well.

- 4.1 The District Administration shall constitute teams/Flying Squads in various sectors covering all the coal bearing areas of the district to conduct regular inspection and raids in coal mines and to detect illegal transportation of minerals especially coal. The team shall be headed by the sector magistrate empowered under provision of law or headed by the authorized officers empowered under section of 21 of MMDR Act, 1957.
- 4.2 The teams shall submit daily reports in prescribed format and compile them at the district level before it is submitted weekly to the Mining & Geology Department.

- 4.3 Whenever the teams detect any illegality, it shall file a complaint to the appropriate court by the authorised or by the Magistrates as notified.
- 4.4 The District Administration shall identify District heads for appointing them as Sector magistrates and the Deputy Commissioner shall seek Law Department's approval for empowering such officers to act as magistrates, if not done earlier.
- 4.5 The Transport Department, the Mining & Geology Department manning the various check gates in the state shall be vigilant in ensuring that no vehicles carrying illegal coal are allowed to pass and strict action are to be taken as per provisions of law. The Police shall also check all loaded vehicles in their check points to detect illegal transportation of coal.
- 4.6 Additional check points should be identified by the district Administration for checking of coal laded trucks entering the Coke plants and Cement plants. This can be located in areas where there are a high number of plants located. As decided in the meeting of the Oversight Committee, The State Pollution Control Board shall ensure that all Coke Plants should set up CCTV cameras in their premises for monitoring of coal trucks entering the plants which should be regularly monitored and that no CTE/CTO can be issued if the plants do not indicated the source of coal to be used in their plants.
- 4.7 The State Government will also appoint a Vigilance Commissioner/Vigilant Commissioners at the State Level to undertake random checking to detect illegal mining and transportation and also to monitor the actions taken by the Joint Teams, the check gates, and the police Nakas in their efforts to curb illegal mining & transportation of coal.
5. Implementation of the Revised Comprehensive Plan for handing over of extracted coal to Coal India Limited for auction prepared jointly by the Mining and Geology Department in Government of Meghalaya and Coal India Limited (Amended) 2022.
- 5.1 The State Government in consideration with the Coal India Limited and taking the recommendations of Justice (Retired) B. P. Katakey, appointed by the Hon'ble High Court has notified the Revised Comprehensive Plan. The same was also placed before the Oversight Committee during its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at Sylvan House chaired by the Chairman of the Oversight Committee. The comprehensive plan contains various steps to be followed in order to disposed of the re assessed/re-inventoried coal carried out recently in a manner that no illegal coal passed off under the garb of legal coal. The Police and the District Administration shall ensure that the said RCP-Amended-2022 is implemented in strict compliance with the provisions contained therein.

**(Copy of the Notification is at Annexure-VI)**

**6. Drone Control Room.**

Due to the shortage of manpower and the presence of coal pits in far flung areas where physical access is not feasible, the State Government has also set up a Drone Control Rooms funded through the Meghalaya Environmental and Protection Restoration Fund (MEPRF) to be used by the Police Department in various coal bearing District to prevent/monitor illegal mining and transportation activities through techno logy. The drones as and when they are in place should be utilized and a monthly report should be submitted on the detection or non-detection of such activities and action to be taken as per the law should be followed.

**7. IEC Activities.**

In order to spread messages to the general public on the provisions of illegal mining and danger poses by unscientific mining, the Mining and Geology Department is setting up Information Boards funded under MEPRF in various parts of the coal bearing districts. The Mining & Geology department shall in consultation with the District Administration and local durbars, identify suitable locations for erections of these boards. In order that there is a sense of ownership by the community, the task of erecting these boards can be done by the community themselves. The District Administration can also send proposal for awareness programs for the public to seek alternate livelihoods, activities and on illegal mining and the need to go for scientific and legal mining as laid down by the Act, to the Mining & Geology Department for availing fund from the MEPRF.

**D. P. WAHLANG,**  
Chief Secretary,  
Government of Meghalaya.

The 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**No.SW(S)63/2022/43.** - In line with the new scheme guidelines of Government of India-Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, the Government of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the following qualifications for Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers as under:-

1. (i) The minimum prescribed qualification for Anganwadi Worker/Anganwadi Helper shall be 12<sup>th</sup> standard. Educational qualifications shall apply only to newly engaged Anganwadi Worker/Anganwadi Helper.
- (ii) The age limit for engagement of Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers shall be 18-35 years,
- (iii) The retirement age of Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers shall be 60 years and may be extended to 65 years in case of Anganwadi Helpers, considering their nature of work.
- (iv) The post of Anganwadi Worker shall be filled by promotion of Anganwadi Helpers with 5 years of experience, subject to fulfilment of educational qualifications, track record of service, additional qualification and age criteria belonging from the Local Community.

**SAMPATH KUMAR,**  
Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Social Welfare Department.

The 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**No.CDD. 75/2022/79.** - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to order the creation of A-dokgre Community & Rural Development Block in the State with immediate effect. **A-dokgre C&RD Block** in North Garo Hills District will comprise of the following Villages:-

1.	Badaka	22.	Rangketgittim
2.	Kejugittim	23.	Dilma A-dap
3.	Do-chisoram	24.	Dapolpara
4.	Badaja Rajasali (Reserve)	25.	Tinsimina
5.	Dosaram	26.	Chigranggre
6.	Jegalpara	27.	Matchadu
7.	Athiabari	28.	Mitegittim
8.	Panbari	29.	Mite Songgital
9.	Dobangal	30.	Remagittim
10.	Chiwa Adapgittim	31.	Tingba
11.	A-dokgre	32.	Ildek A-kong
12.	Norangga	33.	Rajaturam
13.	Norangga Dilnenggim	34.	Imbeng A-dap
14.	Mingkrak	35.	Aruakgre
15.	Mingkrak Chinalsa	36.	Do-reng Sa-ram
16.	Ildek Reserve	37.	A-srogittim
17.	Sakware	38.	Nangilding
18.	Sakware Songgital	39.	Gulugittim
19.	Gorok	40.	Jajilgittim
20.	Dilma A-ding	41.	Memilam
21.	Reking	42.	Mawdipara
		43.	Wa-ramja

With this creation, the above listed Villages will cease to exist in their respective earlier C & RD Blocks.

**T. LYNGBA,**

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Community & Rural Development Department.

The 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**No.POWER-167/2020/96.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Meghalaya Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1980 (No. 23 of 1980) *read* with the Meghalaya Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Act, 2003, the Governor of Meghalaya being satisfied that in the public interest it is necessary to do so, hereby prohibits strikes in any essential services in order to prevent any disruption and breakdown of emergency services to the public.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and will remain in force for a period of six months.

By Order in the name of the Governor of Meghalaya.

**P. BAKSHI,**  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Power Department.

The 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

#### ANNEXURE - I

**No.GAA.85/2022/76.** - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to declare that the offices under the Government of Meghalaya and all Revenue and Magisterial Courts in Meghalaya shall remain closed on the following days of the year 2023.

#### GENERAL HOLIDAYS

Sl. No.	Gregorian Calendar	National Calendar (SAKA-ERA)	Days of the Week	Name of the Festivals	No. of day(s)
1.	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2023	11 Pausa 1944 (SE)	Sunday	New Year's Day	1 (one) Day
2.	26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2023	6 Magha 1944 (SE)	Thursday	Republic Day	1 (one) Day
3.	8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023	17 Phalguna 1944 (SE)	Wednesday	Holi	1 (one) Day
4.	7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023	17 Chaitra 1945 (SE)	Friday	Good Friday	1 (one) Day
5.	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2023	2 Vaisakha 1945 (SE)	Saturday	Id-ul-Fitr	1 (one) Day
6.	29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	8 Asadha 1945 (SE)	Thursday	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid)	1 (one) Day
7.	9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023	18 Asadha 1945 (SE)	Sunday	Beh Deinkhlam	1 (one) Day
8.	17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023	26 Asadha 1945 (SE)	Monday	U Tirot Sing Day	1 (one) Day
9.	15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	24 Shravana 1945 (SE)	Tuesday	Independence Day	1 (one) Day
10.	7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	16 Bhadra 1945 (SE)	Thursday	Janmashtami	1 (one) Day
11.	2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2023	10 Asvina 1945 (SE)	Monday	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	1 (one) Day
12.	23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2023	1 Kartika 1945 (SE)	Monday	Durga Puja (Maha Navami)	1 (one) Day
13.	24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023	2 Kartika 1945 (SE)	Tuesday	Durga Puja (Dashami)	1 (one) Day
14.	10 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	19 Kartika 1945 (SE)	Friday	Wangala Festival	1 (one) Day
15.	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	21 Kartika, 1945 (SE)	Sunday	Diwali (Deepavali)	1 (one) Day
16.	23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2023	2 Agrahayana 1945 (SE)	Thursday	Seng Kut snem	1 (one) Day
17.	12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	21 Agrahayana 1945 (SE)	Tuesday	Pa Togan Nengminja Sangma	1 (one) Day
18.	18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	27 Agrahayana 1945 (SE)	Monday	Death Anniversary of U Soso Tham	1 (one) Day
19.	24 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	3 Pausa 1945 (SE)	Sunday	Christmas Festival	1 (one) Day
20.	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	4 Pausa 1945 (SE)	Monday	Christmas Festival	1 (one) Day
21.	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	5 Pausa 1945 (SE)	Tuesday	Christmas Festival	1 (one) Day
22.	27 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	6 Pausa 1945 (SE)	Wednesday	Christmas Festival	1 (one) Day
23.	30 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	9 Pausa 1945 (SE)	Saturday	U Kiang Nangbah	1 (one) Day

#### LOCAL HOLIDAYS

The Deputy Commissioners are authorized to declare a maximum of 3(three) days only as Local Holidays within their respective jurisdiction on the following occasions during the year 2023 except for East Khasi Hills District where State Government in GAD (A) will declare the Local Holidays.

(1). 53<sup>rd</sup> Garo Labour Corps Day (2). Shad Suk Mynsiem (3). Unitarian Anniversary Day (4). Shad Nongkrem (5). Any other Festival of local significance.

#### SPECIAL HOLIDAY

Special Holiday has also been declared for all State Government Offices and all Revenue and Magisterial Courts and Educational Institutions in East Khasi Hills District, South West Khasi Hills District, West Khasi Hills District, East Jaintia Hills District, West Jaintia Hills District, Eastern West Khasi Hills District and Ri-Bhoi District on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023 to celebrate "Rev. Thomas Jones Day".

**RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS**

In addition to holidays mentioned at Annexure - I, each employee will also be allowed to avail of any 2 (two) holidays to be chosen out of the list of Restricted Holidays below:-

Sl. No.	Gregorian Calendar	National Calendar (SAKA-ERA)	Days of the Week	Name of the Festivals	No of day(s)
1.	14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023	24 Chaitra 1945 (SE)	Friday	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Birthday	1 (one) Day
2.	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023	25 Chaitra 1945 (SE)	Saturday	Assamese New Year's Day (Bihu)	1 (one) Day
3.	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2023	11 Vaisakha 1945 (SE)	Monday	May Day	1 (one) Day
4.	5 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	15 Vaisakha 1945 (SE)	Friday	Buddha Purnima	1 (one) Day
5.	28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023	6 Shravana 1945 (SE)	Friday	Muharram	1 (one) Day
6.	18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	27 Shravana 1945 (SE)	Friday	Tithi of Sri Sri Sankar Dev	1 (one) Day
7.	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	28 Bhadra 1945 (SE)	Tuesday	Ganesh Chaturthi	1 (one) Day
8.	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	6 Asvina 1945 (SE)	Thursday	Prophet Mohammad's Birthday (ID-E-MILAD)	1 (one) Day
9.	2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2023	11 Kartika 1945 (SE)	Thursday	All Soul's Day	1 (one) Day
10.	27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	6 Agrahayana 1945 (SE)	Monday	Guru Nanak's Birthday	1 (one) Day

The 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**ANNEXURE - II**

**No.GAA.85/2022/76.** - In exercise of the power conferred by section 25 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) read with the Notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs No.39/1/68-Judl.III, dated the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1968, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to declare the following days to be Public Holidays in the State of Meghalaya during the year 2023.

**HOLIDAYS UNDER NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS ACT, 1881 (XXVI of 1881)**

Sl. No.	Gregorian Calendar	National Calendar (Saka-Era)	Days of the Week	Name of the Festivals	No. of day(s)
1.	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2023	11 Pausa 1944 (SE)	Sunday	New Year's Day	1 (one) Day
2.	26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2023	6 Magha 1944 (SE)	Thursday	Republic Day	1 (one) Day
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22.	30 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	9 Pausa 1945 (SE)	Saturday	U Kiang Nangbah	1 (one) Day

**N.B. (a)** Holidays to be observed in the State Government Offices and all Magisterial Courts in Meghalaya during the year 2023 are issued under Notification. No.GAA.85/2022/76, dated Shillong the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**M. J. LYNDOH,**

Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
General Administration [A] Department.